There is steady increase both in demand and collection from year to year and the percentage of balance is regularly decreasing, *viz.*, 21%, 19% and 16%. The increase in collection during the year 1962-63 over that of the year 1961-62 is Rs. 1,27,35,609-63. The balance at the close of the year 1962-63 is covered by suitable action for recovery.

14. One thousand eight hundred and fitfy-six prosecution cases were pending at the beginning of the year *i.e.*, on 1st April 1962. Prosecutions were launched in 5,440 cases during the year 1962-63, bringing the total number of cases for disposal during the year 1962-63 to 7,296. Out of this, 4,999 cases were disposed of leaving a balance of 2,297 cases at the end of the year.

15. The total number of offences other than prosecution cases for disposal during the year 17,543, including 2,006 cases pending at the beginning of the year. 16,896 cases were disposed of during the year, leaving a balance of 647 cases at the close of the year. The compounding fee collected during the year was Rs. 2,38,451-12.

16. The Deputy Commissioners of Commercial Taxes of the Divisions conducted 31 inspections during the year under report. In addition to this, a number of inspections were conducted by the Assistant Commissioners of Commercial Taxes and also by the Commissioner of Commercial Taxes.

17. The percentage of arrears has decreased to 16% from 21% in 1960-61 and 19% in 1961-62. The percentage of collection has increased to 84%. The entire balance is covered by suitable action. The administration of the Act was, on the whole, satisfactory.

18. The report be recorded, with the observation that more attention should be given for detecting new cases.

By Order and in the name of the Governor of Mysore,

N. J. GOREPEERZADE,

Under Secretary to Govt., F. D.

REVENUE SECRETARIAT

Passes orders *re.* grant of enhanced relief to the sufferers in accidental fire cases.

READ—

1. Government Order No. RDF 34 FIR 57, dated 21st July 1958.
2. Letter No. AFR 8923/62-63, dated 19th March 1963 from the Divisional Commissioner, Bangalore.
3. Government letter No. RDF 6 TFA 63, dated 4th April 1963.
4. Letter No. AFR 8923/62-63, dated 4th February 1964 from the Divisional Commissioner Bangalore.

PREAMBLE—

The Divisional Commissioner, Bangalore, had stated that the relief granted to the victims of accidental fire cases as per the rules prescribed in Government Order No. RDF 34 FIR 57, dated 21st July 1956 was quite inadequate and that it is necessary to revise these rules so as to be in conformity with those relating to the grant of relief in the case of floods. The proposal about modification of the rules for the grant of relief to the victims of accidental fire cases was then discussed by the Divisional Commissioners in conference. They felt that the rules governing the grant of relief to the victims of accidental fires need not necessarily be fully in conformity with the rules governing the grant of relief in the case of floods as calamities caused by floods are totally different in nature.

They, however, felt that the quantum of relief to each family affected by accidental fires may be enhanced since the present limits are found to be inadequate. They have made the following recommendations :—

(1) Cash relief to be enhanced from Rs. 10 to Rs. 40 to Rs. 10 to Rs. 100.

(2) Building materials limited at present to Rs. 200 may be enhanced to Rs. 300.

(3) Interest-free loans for getting better houses constructed need not be sanctioned.

The present power of sanction of relief by various officers may be enhanced as follows :—

1. Tahsildars ...The present power of sanction up to a maximum of Rs. 250 may be enhanced to Rs. 500.

2. Assistant Commissioners... The present power up to a maximum of Rs. 500 may be enhanced to Rs. 1000.

3. Deputy Commissioners...The present power up to Rs. 1,000 may be enhanced to Rs. 2,000.

4. Divisional Commissioners ...The present power of Rs. 2,000 to be enhanced to the maximum of Rs. 5,000.

ORDER NO. RDF 6 TFA 63, DATED BANGALORE, THE 19TH MARCH 1964 (PHALGUNA 29, SAKA ERA 1885).

After examining the recommendations made by the Divisional Commissioners, Government are pleased to pass the following orders :—

(1) The total relief including the value of building materials admissible in the case of accidental fires which is limited to Rs. 200 for any one family as per Rules 7 and 14 of the rules prescribed in the Government Order dated 21st July 1958, should be enhanced to Rs. 300. Rules 7 and 14 should therefore be treated as amended to this extent.

(2) The powers of the revenue officers to sanction relief in cases of accidental fire as provided in Rule 9(a) of the rules referred to above, should be enhanced as shown below :—

		Existing power	*Enhanced power*
(*a*) Tahsildars	...	Rs. 250	Rs. 500
(*b*) Assistant Commissioners	...	Rs. 500	Rs. 1,000
(*c*) Deputy Commissioners	...	Rs. 1,000	Rs. 2,000
(*d*) Divisional Commissioners	...	Rs. 2,000	Rs. 5,000

These are the maximum limits up to which relief could be granted in any one single case of accidental fire. Rule 9(a) should be treated as amended to this extent.

These orders should be given effect to from 1st April 1964.

By Order and in the name of the Governor of Mysore,

P. R. NADGIR,

Under Secy. to Govt., R. D.